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Message from the President of the Supporters' Club

Mr. A. PARKER

To All Supporters,

Welcome to Watersheddings for the new season. It is anyone's guess what is in store for us all from a playing point of view !

If last season's start can be repeated, then it could be a successful one for O.F.C., and bring honours that accompany success. But a good start isn't sufficient, it must be maintained all the season. So the question is : Is our playing strength good enough ? Can our Coach, F. Dyson, mould a successful team together from the experienced players and the up and coming new boys ? Well, whenever the new boys played in the first team last season they showed great potential, so let's hope he builds a successful team backed up by the Club Committee to strengthen any weaknesses. Good luck to Frank and the players.

The Supporters' Club Committee and Canteen Staff are ready to provide the facilities for your comfort, etc., and look forward to your support again.

If you are not members of the Supporters' Club, then why not join ? It is only one shilling per season and registration forms can be obtained from any Committee-man or at the Canteens and Pavilion ; also get a lapel badge, blazer badge, club tie and our 1965/66 Year Book.

Please give us and the O.F.C. your loyal support regularly and bring a friend along too — and success all round will be assured.

May I extend the best wishes of myself and the S.C. Committee to Mr. H. Summerscales on his retirement and thank him sincerely for his co-operation with the S.C. Good Luck and Good Health "Bert."

Yours respectfully,

A. PARKER


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Message from the President of the Club

Mr. STANLEY STRETCH

Dear Fellow Members,

This season marks a new era in the Watersheddings' administration. For very many years the name of Herbert Summerscales has been synonymous with that of Oldham Football Club. Now he has retired and is to leave the streets of our industrial town for the breezy seaside. We thank him for all he has done, and express the hope that both he and Mrs. Summerscales will have a long and happy retirement.

We hope that our new Secretary, John Stringer, will find satisfaction in his work at Watersheddings, and that he will be an efficient and successful administrator. He is assured of a warm welcome.

The primary aim of your Committee is to have a successful team on the playing field. That must come before everything, and we are determined that this will remain so. We are going ahead too with a number of improvements. The road adjoining the Watersheddings side of the ground is to be re-surfaced, the lamp standard at the entrance to the Car Park is to be removed so that the movement of cars in and out will be speeded up, floodlights are being installed on the ground, and we are considering the erection of a new Club on the Car Park site.

For all these many projects and for the signing of new players, money is required in large quantities. Accordingly a Floodlight Fund has been opened and all donations, however large or small, will be gratefully accepted and used with the utmost care. Three officers of the Supporters' Club are members of the Efforts Committee at Watersheddings, a Committee which will no doubt consider ways and means of raising monies. If anyone has any brainwaves or bright ideas in this connection, the possibilities of using them will be fully explored.

I hope that all goes well and that we shall have a good season. We all have Wembley hopes — may they materialise this year! The fixture list is the most attractive I have seen for many a year, and we had a visit at the end of August from the New Zealanders. The players are raring to go and the playing pitch, a credit to the groundsman, is in good condition.

Members' cards at the time of writing are going reasonably well. We need support, we need spectators. How can you help?

Our success as a team will only be as great as our combined efforts make it — players, supporters, administrative staff and committee. Wanting success and just wanting a good team are not enough. You can't leave it to luck. You need some luck, but you must work hard for success.

I hope we achieve it and deserve it.

Yours very sincerely,

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	1965	Opponents	Ground	F	A
Aug.	21	WARRINGTON	Home		
	25	Whitehaven	Away		
	28	Wigan	Away		
	30				
	31	NEW ZEALAND	Home	.....	.....
Sept.	4	BLACKPOOL B.	Home	.....	.....
	6	ROCHDALE H.	Home	.....	.....
	11	Lancs. Cup (1)			
	13	Blackpool B.	Away	.....	.....
	18	Workington T.	Away	.....	.....
	25	SALFORD	Home	.....	.....
Oct.	1	St. Helens	Away	.....	.....
	9	HUDDERSFIELD	Home	.....	.....
	16				
	23	HUNSLET	Home	.....	.....
	30	Warrington	Away	.....	.....
Nov.	6	LIVERPOOL C.	Home	.....	.....
	13	Salford	Away	.....	.....
	20	LEEDS	Home	.....	.....
	27	Huddersfield	Away	.....	.....
Dec.	4	WIGAN	Home	.....	.....
	11	Leeds	Away	.....	.....
	18	WIDNES	Home	.....	.....
	27	SWINTON	Home	.....	.....
	28	Leigh	Away	.....	.....
	1966				
Jan.	1	Hunslet	Away	.....	.....
	8	ST. HELENS	Home	.....	.....
	15	Barrow	Away	.....	.....
	22	LEIGH	Home	.....	.....
	29	Widnes	Away	.....	.....
Feb.	5	HALIFAX	Home	.....	.....
	12	WORKINGTON T.	Home	.....	.....
	19	Halifax	Away	.....	.....
	26	(1)			
Mar.	5				
	12	Liverpool C.	Away	.....	.....
	19	(2)			
	26	WHITEHAVEN	Home		
April	8	Swinton	Away		
	9	BARROW	Home		
	11	Rochdale H.	Away		

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Looking Ahead

by ROGER HALSTEAD of the "Oldham Chronicle"

Oldham Football Club, once the proud owner of the finest club side in the world, is heading back towards the top. The transitional period after the demiss of the great side of the '50's is beginning to give way to a far brighter future.

Having set off to an impressive start to the present season with wins against Warrington, Whitehaven, and Wigan at Central Park, the Club's more optimistic officials might feel the time has arrived for Oldham to pick up where it left off five or six years ago.

I would hesitate to go so far. For one thing, the type of play with which Oldham has achieved its early-season success is not as attractive as that of the great side but, more to the point, the youth policy embarked upon last season is only just beginning to blossom effectively.

Nevertheless, Oldham now have more potential and more promise than they have had for years — a direct result of the policy to snap up promising youngsters and blend them gradually into a match-winning combination.

The future is rosy when considering that players like Bob Irving, Tom Warburton, Bill Broomhead, Joe Collins and Kevin Taylor, five youngsters seen regularly in the senior side, are only just out of their 'teens . . . or still in them!

Irving, in fact, is only 17 and it must be stressed that these players, all with plenty of first-team experience behind them, form only the nucleus of the youngsters on the books at Watersheddings.

There are countless more, playing regularly in the "A" team and waiting patiently for their big chance.

Not all of them will make the grade. That would be expecting too much. But the fact remains that Oldham now has more young talent on its books than it has had for years.

For several seasons, after the break-up of the great side, players came and went. Some were signed as stop-gaps in an emergency; others left after a short stay in which the Club did little, apart from carry off the Second Division Championship and reach the Challenge Cup Semi-final a couple of years ago.

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Keith Holden, Ray Fisher, Bill Payne, Brian Fallon, among many others, have been and gone as Oldham have struggled to get back to the top with the aid of the cheque book.

One of the most expensive captures during this period was Welsh centre Malcolm Price, but injury dogged him so much that he announced his retirement from the game midway through last season.

Now, times have changed, and although players like Stan McLeod, Jim McCormack and John Winton were signed to step straight into the senior side, there is no doubting that the policy of bleeding home-produced players is paying dividends.

Oldham are on their way back. There is still plenty of room for improvement. No one will doubt that. But already this term the signs are there that the Club has turned the corner not only in playing performances but in the work of the Committee, too.

Floodlights are in process of being installed at Watersheddings ; there is talk of a £30,000 social club to be erected on the main car park ; the Club has joined a second pools scheme, run on national lines, to boost revenue.

The big danger in undertaking such an amount of planning and work off the field is that playing performances could be forgotten.

But providing the Committee never forget that the public want an attractive and successful team more than anything else, their work in other directions can do nothing but good.

The Committee have shown during the close season that they are prepared to roll up their sleeves and WORK. For their efforts they deserve success not only behind the scenes but on the field as well . . . and, with it, the unparalleled support not only of members but of the general public of Oldham.

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The branches at Clarksfield, Royal Oak, Railway Hotel (Hollinwood), High Crompton, Ashton-under-Lyne and elsewhere did great work in popularising the Club and in giving it vocal support at the matches and financial support through the turnstiles and in the weekly lottery.

Can we have more branches functioning in the town and out-district? **Your** help would be invaluable in forming a new branch. Each new branch would mean bigger attendances and better finances for the O.F.C.

If you and your friends are interested in opening a new branch, then why not call at the Supporters' Hut and have a chat with the officials. They will be delighted to meet you and will welcome you with warmth.

Rugby and Soccer Joint Activities

The Supporters' Club of both Oldham Athletic and Oldham Football Club have joined hands in social activities for the past two seasons and the peak was reached last year when the two Clubs elected their respective Queens at the same function.

This is an event never heard of in the annals of sport before, and it is a credit to Oldham sportsmen — and sportswomen of course — that such amicable relations and such good co-operation exist in the town.

There is room in the town for both Clubs and we look forward to their prosperity in the season ahead. Promotion for the "Latics" and a Wembley appearance and the Challenge Cup for the "Rugby."

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Oldham Football Club In 1880

by TOM WEBB

Eighty-five years ago the Oldham Football Club was a thriving infant, having been formed only some four years earlier. The President was Mr. R. Stott and the new Secretary was G. H. Wild of the Soho Meter Works, Oldham. Mr. Wild had taken over the Secretaryship from J. Fletcher.

Abraham Fletcher, one time Superintendent of Werneth Congregational Church, was selected for Lancashire and played against Cheshire in season 1879/80 at Whalley Range, the home of the Manchester club.

When Broughton (not the Rangers) played Oldham they included six Lancashire county players, and only succeeded by a disputed try. In those days each Club provided an umpire and the two Clubs disagreed. Later a third man was introduced and arguments were referred to him, hence the term "referee." The third man now takes complete charge of course.

The Oldham players in 1880 included the following, many of whom were important people in the town and the surrounding districts. Backs, not full backs at that time note, were Isaac Seville and J. Walkden. The three-quarter backs were John Saville (captain), J. W. Walkden and C. H. Barlow. Half-backs were R. H. Selby, George Mellor, J. Ashton and C. A. Milne. The forwards were A. Fletcher, G. H. Harrop, W. Buckley, B. F. Beard, W. Wild, Patterson, S. Thompson, J. Ogden, J. Rye (who had played for Lancashire the previous season against Cheshire), T. Judson, T. Lockwood, Shaw, Taylor, S. Richardson and W. Richardson.

There would be other players in the teams but it is virtually impossible to produce a complete list as some of the matches did not get reported in the press of the time.

AN APPEAL

Mr. Tom Webb, of 89 Turf Pit Lane, Moorside, Oldham, is seeking information about the history of the Oldham Football Club and would be glad to hear from anyone who may have old programmes, membership cards or other data about the Club or old football annuals and booklets from which information might be extracted.

Best wishes to Oldham R.F.C.

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Items of Interest

Werneth Football Club (Northern Union) opened their new ground at Sheepfoot Lane, versus Oldham "A" on 14th September, 1901.

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Jack Richardson, of Hollinwood, was appointed trainer of Oldham Football Club in September, 1899. He had won two Sheffield Handicaps, trained Oldham County (the original professional soccer club of Oldham) and was a famous athlete. He was employed at Platt Brothers.

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Joe Ferguson played his first match for Oldham on September 2nd, 1899, versus Morecambe, and his last game was for the "A" team on 28th April, 1923, versus Wigan "A" in the play off for the Lancashire Senior Competition medals. George Hesketh scored a try for Wigan "A" who won by three points to nil. Thus that season Oldham "A" won the Championship Cup but lost the medals.

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The "Manchester Courier" reported on 11th October, 1903, that "there was no practice last night at Oldham, the Committee having presented each player with a free ticket to the Scottish concert at the Colosseum."

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From September 8th, 1906, to March 16th, 1909, both dates inclusive, the Oldham team was not defeated at Watersheddings, winning sixty consecutive home matches.

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Dr. Gourlay, Mayor of Oldham in 1907/8, was also President of the Oldham Football Club and he signed W. B. Jardine for the Club from Jed Forest, Scotland.

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Bob Wylie became Club Secretary in 1916 and held office until 1941. Bert Summerscales then took over and officiated until a few weeks ago. The two Secretaries covered fifty years between them.

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The only season that Oldham Football Club has not functioned since the start of the Rugby League game seventy years ago was in 1917/18 when it was very difficult to raise a team. The previous season the services of ten New Zealanders from Chadderton Camp had been called upon along with about sixteen guest players from other clubs.

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There was a loss on this non-playing season of £72 8s. 9d., which was minimised by the sale of a stand, billiards table, etc.

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Frank Holbrooke was the only man known to have played with Oldham Football Club, Oldham Athletic and Oldham Cricket Club. He later joined Brighouse Rangers and had service with Cardiff and Halifax.

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Joe Platt, the man who organised the founding of the Northern Union, joined O.F.C. in October, 1880, and soon afterwards was appointed Club Treasurer, a position he held until 1921.

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The ground was purchased in 1922. According to the deeds the land was at Knuckett. There was a lease on the ground obtained by Oldham Cricket Club in 1890 and the O.F.C. was a tenant of the cricket club. There were nine acres, 1 perch and 188 square yards of land at the end of Herbert Street. The Football Club eventually took over the lease and finally bought the ground, which in 1922 consisted of a football ground, a cricket ground and a bowling green. The cricket ground is now the greyhound stadium and the bowling green has given way to the training pitch.

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O.F.C. played a friendly game at Southport in 1925/26.

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Tommy Rees, the present Committeeman, was Oldham's full back and was the only man to displace Jim Sullivan from a Test team. Signed in May, 1928, Tommy retired in 1944. Of 443 league and cup games played by the Club in his time, he played in 400, and at one period played in 121 consecutive games.

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Billy Stott was transferred to Wakefield Trinity for £100 in 1944. Within two years he had taken Trinity to Wembley where they won the Challenge Cup.

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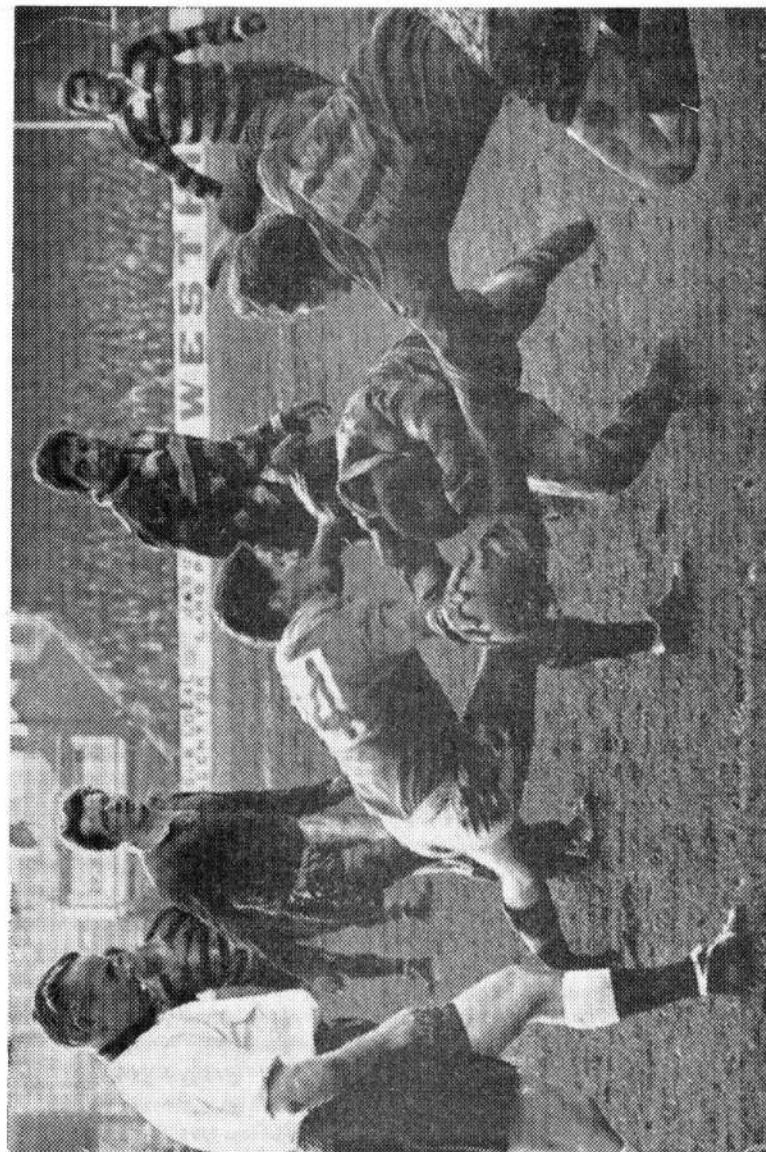
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G. Sims ...	37	16	10	62
C. Bott ...	36	0	3	9
L. McIntyre ...	32	0	6	18
J. McCormack ...	31	0	3	9
D. Parker ...	29	0	5	15
J. Donovan ...	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	9	27
P. Smethurst ...	27 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	5	15
V. Nestor ...	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	4	12
J. Pycroft ...	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	5	15
F. Dyson ...	25	84	5	183
A. Mumberson ...	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	2	6
K. Wilson ...	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0
S. McLeod ...	19	0	9	27
M. Elliott ...	18	0	3	9
H. Major ...	17	0	1	3
J. Collins ...	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	4	12
S. Whitehead ...	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	3
M. Price ...	12	0	9	27
R. Irving ...	11 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	3
J. Gaskell ...	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	3
J. Winton ...	9	26	0	52
K. Taylor ...	7	0	1	3
W. Patterson ...	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	3	9
J. Hill ...	5	0	0	0
G. Robinson ...	5	0	1	3
W. Broomhead ...	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0
I. Howarth ...	4	0	0	0
T. Warburton ...	4	0	2	6
G. Crowther ...	3	0	0	0
W. Delooze ...	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0
V. Kenny ...	1	0	0	0
L. Morgan ...	1	0	0	0
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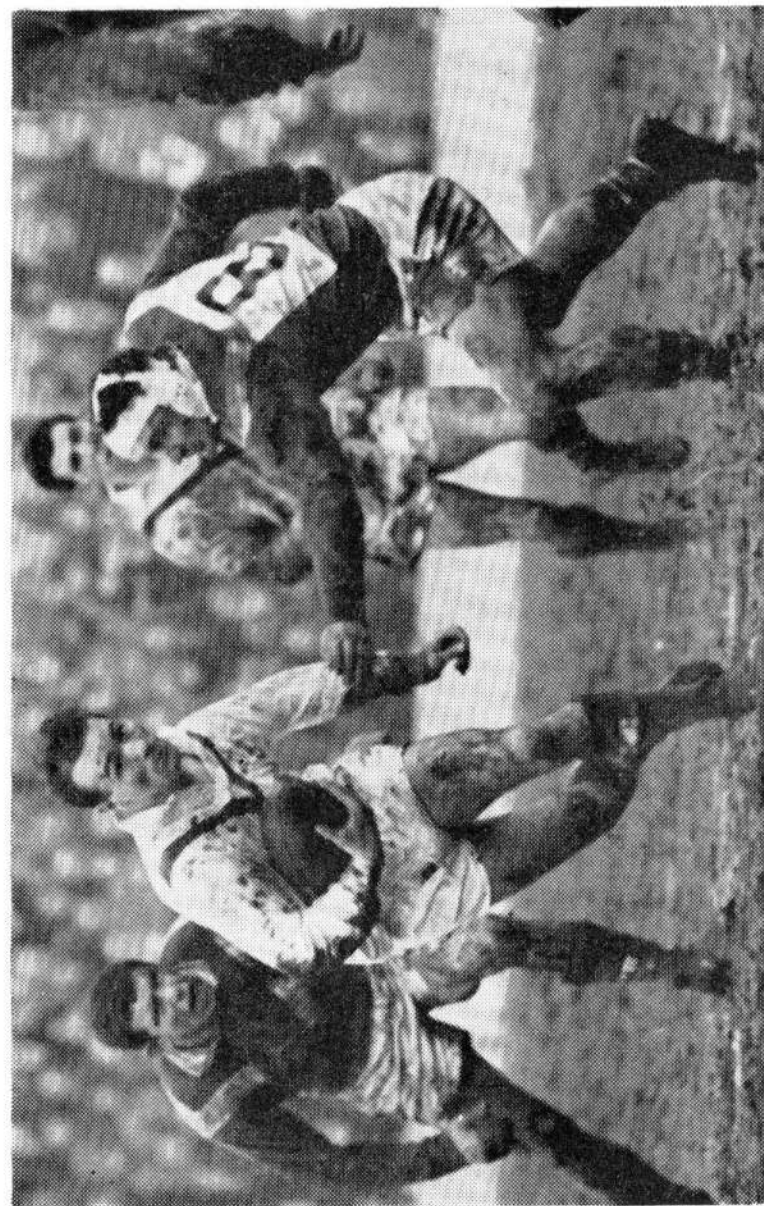
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Comp.	Opp.	Oldham	Opp.	R.	Att.
Charity	Rochdale (a)	9-7-39	2-1-7	W	5,022
R.L.	Dewsbury (a)	4-3-17	2-0-4	W	3,200
R.L.	Widnes (h)	4-5-23	1-0-2	W	11,060
R.L.	Swinton (h)	5-1-13	1-0-2	W	13,800
Lancs. Cup	Whitehaven (a)	5-7-31	2-2-10	W	2,256
R.L.	Liverpool (h)	9-8-42	1-1-5	W	7,068
R.L.	Blackpool (a)	2-3-13	1-0-2	W	5,000
R.L.	Widnes (a)	3-5-21	1-0-2	W	6,857
Lancs. Cup	Warrington (a)	2-0-4	5-3-19	L	11,213
R.L.	Whitehaven (h)	2-0-4	3-5-21	L	7,728
R.L.	Leigh (a)	4-4-20	2-2-10	W	5,000
R.L.	Rochdale (h)	4-2-14	1-1-5	W	6,924
R.L.	Workington (a)	1-1-5	3-5-21	L	2,761
R.L.	Warrington (h)	3-0-6	3-3-15	L	7,056
R.L.	St. Helens (a)	3-0-6	5-4-22	L	9,744
R.L.	Barrow (h)	3-5-21	2-0-4	W	5,302
R.L.	Huddersfield (a)	3-2-12	2-2-10	W	4,574
R.L.	Wigan (h)	3-1-9	3-4-18	L	10,365
R.L.	Salford (a)	3-1-9	1-1-5	W	3,300
R.L.	Hunslet (a)	2-1-7	2-0-4	W	2,250
R.L.	Hunslet (h)	6-8-36	2-1-7	W	4,074
R.L.	Barrow (a)	1-1-5	1-2-8	L	2,500
R.L.	Warrington (a)	1-1-5	2-5-19	L	6,064
R.L. Cup (1)	Hunslet (a)	2-0-4	3-2-12	L	6,865
R.L.	Keighley (h)	4-6-26	3-0-6	W	3,000
R.L.	Wigan (a)	3-2-12	4-4-20	L	8,000
R.L.	Liverpool (a)	3-3-15	2-1-7	W	400
R.L.	Leigh (h)	0-0-0	5-5-25	L	4,125
R.L.	St. Helens (h)	3-1-9	6-1-15	L	6,337
R.L.	Keighley (a)	2-2-10	3-2-12	L	2,000
R.L.	Huddersfield (h)	3-2-12	1-0-2	W	5,951
R.L.	Blackpool (h)	5-2-16	1-0-2	W	5,086
R.L.	Workington (h)	2-2-10	1-1-5	W	5,176
R.L.	Rochdale (a)	3-2-12	2-2-10	W	2,006
R.L.	Salford (h)	6-3-21	0-1-3	W	5,347
R.L.	Swinton (a)	3-0-6	3-0-6	D	12,000
R.L.	Whitehaven (a)	2-0-4	2-1-7	L	700
R.L.	Dewsbury (h)	0-1-3	3-0-6	L	5,916
Play-off	Hull K.R. (a)	4-2-14	7-4-26	L	9,500

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The season was divided into five periods and the winners of each were presented with a set of tankards. These awards were eagerly sought by the players in the leading teams and as each competition neared its conclusion, the players and supporters were busy calculating how many points were required in order to gain the coveted trophies.

The first set of tankards was presented to the St. Helens players after a very successful run in which the Saints were the outstanding team in the league. The only serious opposition came from Wigan, with Leeds in third place. St. Helens' score of 238 points in nine games, as against 222 by Wigan, took the tankards to the Knowsley Road ground instead of Central Park.

Saints continued scoring in cavalier fashion to take the second period but again they encountered fierce competition from Wigan. If the Colliers had scored another four points in their seven games during the second period they would have been top. This time Hull Kingston Rovers were third.

The third period saw a new name come to the fore. With the weather playing havoc with ground conditions, Featherstone Rovers went to the top and a score of seven points to two in their last game with Hull Kingston Rovers gave the colliery district club the tankards, with the "Robins" finishing four points behind over the period.

An extra try and goal would have altered the second and third competitions. That dropped pass, or knock-on, meant all the difference in the scoring charts. Such are the excitements of the Mackeson Contest.

Leeds took the next presentation to Headingley, just ahead of Leigh and Halifax in the chart. Four points would have given the tankards to Leigh; five points would have given Halifax the lead. The competition was becoming more competitive each time and only a handful of points decided the issue. Concluding matches in each period seemed like cup-ties to the challenging clubs, their players and supporters.

The final period saw Halifax scoring more freely than ever before and a couple of really big wins took them to the head of the chart. There was no disputing their superiority during the last eight weeks of the Mackeson competition which ended on May 8th and there never seemed any doubt that they would secure the silver tankards. Their success was finally achieved with a superiority amounting to an average of almost five points per match.

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The last period also coincided with the ending of the overall competition which covered the whole of the season and we had enough excitement to last us for months. St. Helens were playing Hull Kingston Rovers at Knowsley Road on the Friday evening, a week before the Rugby League Challenge Cup final. That same evening, in another top sixteen contest, Halifax were entertaining Featherstone Rovers.

The St. Helens programme, so ably edited by secretary Basil Lowe, told us that to win the silver trophy and the prize of two hundred guineas Halifax only needed to score one point more in their game with Featherstone than Saints scored against the Robins. The telephone lines between Halifax and St. Helens must have been red hot, for every few minutes there was an announcement at St. Helens of the Halifax score. Sensing that their chances were good, the Saints would immediately start a massive attack from which they would not rest until a try or a goal — or both — added to their points total.

I am told that the same thing was happening at Thrum Hall, where cheers would ring out as the St. Helens score was announced, as the Saints were trailing just a few points behind all the match. The tension at Knowsley Road — where I was in attendance — grew with each minute of the game. Unfortunately, for their supporters, an announcement as we left the ground was that the score at Halifax was higher. Eventually Halifax added another five points to end their scoring record with an average of 18.66 ; just too high for the Saints who finished with figures of 18.50 per match.

Even now the tale was not fully told and everything depended upon how many points Wigan scored at Wembley in the Cup Final. We could hardly expect the Colliers to get the half century they needed and at the end of one of the best finals for many years, Wigan were happy enough to finish four points in front with their score of twenty points giving them an overall average of 17.93 points per game.

Thus Yorkshire gained the major trophy and 200 guineas, while St. Helens had to be content with the 100 guinea second prize and Wigan took the third prize of fifty guineas.

In previous seasons Lancashire and Cumberland clubs have held the major sway but 1964/65 has seen the Yorkshire clubs earn three period prizes in addition to Halifax carrying away the major award.

The competition has become one of the most widely known in the world of sport. Newspapers from many towns throughout the north, from Hull, Halifax, Salford, Leigh and elsewhere have reflected the way in which the competitions have caught the interest of the Rugby League supporters by giving regular details of the scoring charts in their columns.

At the final presentation in Manchester, Halifax and St. Helens players and League officials alike, left Mr. Charles Whitbread in no doubt that the Mackeson awards have become part and parcel of the game. And the biggest cheer of the evening greeted Mr. Whitbread's announcement that the Mackeson Contest will be with us again this season.

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MACKESON RESULTS OVER THREE YEARS

PERIOD CONTESTS				
Period 1	Period 2	Period 3	Period 4	Period 5
1962/63— Workington	Workington	Wigan	Wakefield	St. Helens
1963/64— Oldham	Wigan	Leigh	Castleford	Workington
1964/65— St. Helens	St. Helens	Featherstone	Leeds	Halifax
MAIN CONTESTS				
1962/63	St. Helens ...	...	18.30	
1963/64	Wigan ...	...	18.88	
1964/65	Halifax ...	...	18.66	

MACKESON CONTEST MAIN TABLE, 1964/65

	Club	M	P	P	S	Aver.	P	A
1.	Halifax	...	...	41	765	18.66		419
2.	St. Helens	...	...	42	777	18.50		289
3.	Wigan	...	...	42	753	17.93		314
4.	Hull K.R.	...	...	39	645	16.54		436
5.	Castleford	...	...	38	601	15.82		342
6.	Leeds	...	...	42	602	14.33		446
7.	Hunslet	...	...	41	559	13.63		532
8.	Workington T.	...	...	41	557	13.59		362
9.	Wakefield T.	...	...	44	594	13.50		279
10.	Oldham	...	...	38	487	12.82		379
11.	Featherstone R.	...	...	40	496	12.40		535
12.	Leigh	...	...	37	466	12.32		279
13.	Hull	...	...	38	463	12.18		428
14.	Warrington	...	...	42	507	12.07		354
15.	Huddersfield	...	...	40	447	11.18		479
16.	Barrow	...	...	38	401	10.55		474
17.	Widnes	...	...	40	417	10.43		449
18.	York	...	...	37	376	10.16		590
19.	Bradford N.	...	...	38	374	9.84		395
20.	Swinton	...	...	42	398	9.48		342
21.	Keighley	...	...	38	350	9.21		668
22.	Bramley	...	...	37	340	9.19		481
23.	Doncaster	...	...	37	327	8.84		652
24.	Salford	...	...	37	326	8.81		480
25.	Whitehaven	...	...	37	325	8.78		441
26.	Dewsbury	...	...	36	310	8.61		419
27.	Rochdale H.	...	...	37	315	8.51		579
28.	Batley	...	...	39	301	7.72		709
29.	Blackpool B.	...	...	38	282	7.42		573
30.	Liverpool C.	...	...	36	265	7.36		469

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4.	Leeds with an average of ...	16.88
5.	Halifax with an average of ...	24.10

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1964/65

TRIES

Lake (Wigan)	40
Freeman (Halifax)	28
Griffiths (Hunslet)	27
Blackmore (Hull K.R.)	26
Killeen (St. Helens)	26
Senior (Huddersfield)	26
Boston (Wigan)	24
Hardisty (Castleford)	24
Jones (Wakefield T.)	22
Burnett (Halifax)	21
Glastonbury (Workington T.)	20
Jackson (Halifax)	20
Cowan (Leeds)	19
Daley (Halifax)	19
Smith (York)	19
Southward (Workington)	19
Tickle (Leigh)	19
Sullivan (Hull)	18
Battye (Castleford)	17
Coetzer (Wakefield T.)	17
Glover (Warrington)	17
Stopford (Swinton)	17
Melling (Warrington)	16
Northey (St. Helens)	16

GOALS

Kellett (Hull K.R.)	150
Kileen (St. Helens)	140
Langton (Hunslet)	132
James (Halifax)	127
Curry (Huddersfield)	123
Fox, N. (Wakefield T.)	121
Gilfedder (Wigan)	111
Gowers (Swinton)	104
Owen (Keighley)	103
Dewhurst (Leeds)	101
Risman (Leigh)	99
Bootle (Warrington)	93
Broom (Hull)	75
Dyson (Oldham)	75
Willett (Castleford)	70
Fox, D. (Featherstone R.)	65
Holliday (Whitehaven & Hull K.R.)	63
Clawson (Featherstone R. & Bradford N.)	59
Yorke (York)	59
McCarrick (Blackpool B.)	58
Dewsbury (Doncaster)	56
Hollindrake (Bramley)	54
Lowe (Dewsbury)	51

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1963/64

TRIES

Stopford (Swinton)	45
Lake (Wigan)	42
Howe (Castleford)	36
Burgess (Barrow)	35
Hardisty (Castleford)	32
Coetzer (Wakefield T.)	29
Buckley (Swinton)	27
Jordan (Featherstone R.)	27
Boston (Wigan)	26
Simms, T. (Oldham)	26

GOALS

Coslett (St. Helens)	137
Dyson (Oldham)	135
Fox, D. (Featherstone R.)	131
Gilfedder (Wigan)	127
Langton (Hunslet)	125
Fox, N. (Wakefield T.)	125
James (Halifax)	105
Randall (Widnes)	100
Kellett (Hull K.R.)	90
Curry (Huddersfield)	87

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League Tables, 1964/65

NORTHERN RUGBY LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	G	For T	Pts.	G	Against T	Pts.	Pts.
St. Helens	34	28	6	0	141	113	621	77	24	226	56
Wigan	34	26	8	0	118	130	626	67	42	260	52
Castleford	34	25	8	1	99	119	555	69	52	294	51
Wakefield T. ...	34	24	8	2	111	88	486	63	34	228	50
Warrington	34	24	9	1	85	82	416	71	50	292	49
Workington T. .	34	23	10	1	91	105	497	76	58	326	47
Halifax	34	22	11	1	112	135	629	85	55	335	45
Hull K.R.	34	22	12	0	133	107	587	94	63	377	44
Oldham	34	20	13	1	105	78	444	75	54	312	41
Leeds	34	20	14	0	107	85	469	92	55	349	40
Swinton	34	19	14	1	83	56	334	77	32	250	39
Leigh	34	19	14	1	112	74	446	89	57	349	39
Hull	34	19	15	0	89	78	412	102	59	381	38
Hunslet	34	19	15	0	114	83	477	110	82	466	38
Featherstone R. .	34	18	16	0	104	76	436	107	83	463	36
Barrow	34	18	16	0	85	71	383	87	78	408	36
Bradford N. ...	34	15	18	1	75	65	345	82	61	347	31
Huddersfield ...	34	15	19	0	97	58	368	94	77	419	30
Widnes	34	14	18	2	78	64	348	91	76	410	30
Whitehaven	34	14	19	1	76	52	308	90	74	402	29
Dewsbury	34	13	19	2	86	42	298	88	77	407	28
Salford	34	11	21	2	77	51	307	102	72	420	24
Liverpool C. ...	34	10	22	2	67	38	248	108	101	519	22
Bramley	34	10	23	1	93	41	309	120	72	456	21
York	34	10	24	0	91	55	347	125	95	535	20
Batley	34	9	24	1	82	33	263	107	133	613	19
Keighley	34	9	25	0	90	41	303	125	114	592	18
Doncaster	34	9	25	0	76	48	296	116	128	616	18
Rochdale H. ...	34	7	26	1	85	41	293	122	83	493	15
Blackpool B. ...	34	6	26	2	67	38	248	118	106	554	14



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LANCASHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	G	For T	Pts.	G	Against T	Pts.	Pts.
St. Helens	28	24	4	0	121	95	527	60	17	171	48
Warrington	28	21	6	1	72	71	357	60	38	234	43
Wigan	28	21	7	0	96	106	510	58	34	218	42
Workington T. .	28	20	7	1	78	85	411	57	32	210	41
Swinton	28	16	11	1	66	46	270	60	29	207	33
Oldham	28	16	11	1	87	57	345	60	51	273	33
Leigh	28	14	13	1	89	55	343	75	47	291	29
Huddersfield ...	28	13	15	0	81	46	300	71	63	331	26
Barrow	28	13	15	0	63	50	276	70	71	353	26
Widnes	28	12	15	1	62	52	280	74	59	325	25
Salford	28	8	18	2	61	34	224	86	60	352	18
Whitehaven	28	9	19	0	59	34	220	83	69	373	18
Liverpool C. ...	28	8	18	2	57	33	213	94	92	464	18
Rochdale H. ...	28	5	23	0	63	28	210	103	72	422	10
Blackpool B. ...	28	4	22	2	52	32	200	96	90	462	10

YORKSHIRE COUNTY LEAGUE

	P	W	L	D	G	For T	Pts.	G	Against T	Pts.	Pts.
Castleford	28	23	4	1	84	102	474	50	35	205	47
Halifax	28	21	7	0	104	121	571	75	41	273	42
Wakefield T. ...	28	19	7	2	99	83	447	58	30	206	40
Hull K.R.	28	19	9	0	114	97	519	78	49	303	38
Leeds	28	18	10	0	88	69	383	73	43	275	36
Featherstone R. .	28	17	11	0	86	71	385	78	55	321	34
Hunslet	28	16	12	0	91	65	377	87	60	354	32
Hull	28	15	13	0	73	61	329	85	49	317	30
Bradford N. ...	28	13	15	0	64	54	290	69	48	282	26
Dewsbury	28	10	17	1	70	35	245	78	68	360	21
York	28	9	19	0	73	47	287	95	74	412	18
Bramley	28	7	20	1	74	31	241	101	59	379	15
Keighley	28	7	21	0	74	34	250	104	92	484	14
Doncaster	28	7	21	0	64	40	248	100	112	536	14
Batley	28	6	21	1	67	26	212	94	121	551	13

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1953 St. Helens	16	Wigan	8
1954 Barrow	12	Oldham	2
1955 Leigh	26	Widnes	9
1956 Oldham	10	St. Helens	3
1957 Oldham	13	Wigan	8
1958 Oldham	12	St. Helens	2
1959 Warrington	5	St. Helens	4
1960 St. Helens	15	Swinton	9
1961 St. Helens	25	Swinton	9
1962 St. Helens	7	Swinton	4
1963 St. Helens	15	Leigh	4
1964 St. Helens	12	Swinton	4

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	Pts.		Pts.
1945 Bradford N.	5	Wakefield T.	2
1946 Wakefield T.	10	Hull	0
1947 Wakefield T.	8	Leeds	7
1948 Bradford N.	18	Castleford	9
1949 Bradford N.	11	Huddersfield	4
1950 Huddersfield	16	Castleford	3
1951 Wakefield T.	17	Keighley	3
1952 Huddersfield	18	Batley	8
1953 Bradford N.	7	Hull	2
1954 Halifax	22	Hull	14
1955 Halifax	7	Hull	0
1956 Wakefield T.	23	Hunslet	5
1957 Huddersfield	15	York	8
1958 Leeds	24	Wakefield T.	20
1959 Featherstone R.	15	Hull	14
1960 Wakefield T.	16	Huddersfield	10
1961 Wakefield T.	19	Leeds	9
1962 Hunslet	12	Hull K.R.	2
1963 Halifax	10	Featherstone R.	0
1964 Wakefield T.	18	Leeds	2

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Sept. 4—(Saturday)	Wigan
6—(Monday)	Widnes
11—(Saturday)	Hull K.R.
15—(Wednesday)	*St. Helens
18—(Wednesday)	Leeds
20—(Monday)	Yorkshire at Castleford
25—(Saturday)	FIRST TEST at Swinton
29—(Wednesday)	*Leigh
30—(Thursday)	Barrow
Oct. 2—(Saturday)	Whitehaven
6—(Wednesday)	*Castleford
9—(Saturday)	Hull
13—(Wednesday)	*Lancashire at St. Helens
16—(Saturday)	Rochdale H.
23—(Saturday)	SECOND TEST at Bradford
27—(Wednesday)	*Swinton
30—(Saturday)	Wakefield T.
Nov. 6—(Saturday)	THIRD TEST at Wigan

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			N. Zealand			Opponents		
			G.	T.	Pts.	G.	T.	Pts.
Aug.	19—Widnes-Liverpool	Lost	0	2	6	3	1	9
	23—Manchester XIII	Lost	2	1	7	2	5	19
	26—Castleford-Featherstone XIII	Won	5	7	31	4	4	20
	28—Leeds City XIII	Won	6	4	24	3	1	9
Sept.	4—Oldham-Rochdale XIII ...	Lost	4	0	8	5	0	10
	6—Yorkshire (at Hull K.R.) .	Lost	4	1	11	3	5	21
	9—Barrow	Won	6	8	36	1	3	11
	13—Lancashire (at Warrington)	Lost	2	3	13	3	3	15
	16—Huddersfield-Halifax	Won	5	7	31	1	3	11
	20—Rugby League XIII	Lost	4	4	20	5	4	22
	23—Warrington	Won	3	5	21	3	1	9
	30—First Test (at Leeds)	Won	7	5	29	1	3	11
Oct.	4—Hull-Hull K.R.	Lost	3	0	6	7	1	17
	7—Wigan	Lost	3	0	6	5	6	28
	9—Cumberland	Won	2	2	10	3	1	9
	14—St. Helens	Lost	2	2	10	5	5	25
	21—Second Test (at Bradford)	Lost	2	2	10	4	5	23
	25—Leigh	Won	3	3	15	2	0	4
	28—Wakefield Trinity	Lost	2	1	7	4	4	20
Nov.	4—Third Test (at Swinton) ...	Lost	5	3	19	7	7	35
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Challenge Cup Winners

Year	Winners	G	T	P	Runners-up	G	T	P	Venue
1897	Batley	1	2	10	St. Helens	0	1	3	Headingley
1893	Batley	2	1	7	Bradford	0	0	0	Headingley
1899	Oldham	2	5	19	Hunslet	3	1	9	Fallowfield
1900	Swinton	2	4	16	Salford	1	2	8	Fallowfield
1901	Batley	0	2	16	Warrington	0	0	0	Headingley
1902	Broughton R.	5	5	25	Salford	0	0	0	Rochdale
1903	Halifax	2	1	7	Salford	0	0	0	Headingley
1904	Halifax	1	2	8	Warrington	0	1	3	Salford
1905	Warrington	0	2	6	Hull K.R.	0	0	0	Headingley
1906	Bradford	1	1	5	Salford	0	0	0	Headingley
1907	Warrington	4	3	17	Oldham	0	1	3	Broughton
1908	Hunslet	4	2	14	Hull	0	0	0	Huddersfield
1909	Wakefield T.	1	5	17	Hull	0	0	0	Headingley
1910	Leeds	2	1	7	Hull	0	0	0	Huddersfield
1910	Leeds (Replay)	7	4	26	Hull	3	2	12	Huddersfield
1911	Broughton R.	2	0	4	Wigan	0	0	0	Salford
1912	Dewsbury	1	2	8	Oldham	1	1	5	Headingley
1913	Huddersfield	0	3	9	Warrington	1	1	5	Headingley
1914	Hull	0	2	6	Wakefield T.	0	0	0	Halifax
1915	Huddersfield	5	9	37	St. Helens	0	1	3	Oldham
1920	Huddersfield	3	5	21	Wigan	2	2	10	Headingley
1921	Leigh	2	3	13	Halifax	0	0	0	Broughton
1922	Rochdale H.	2	2	10	Hull	0	3	9	Headingley
1923	Leeds	5	6	28	Hull	0	1	3	Wakefield
1924	Wigan	3	5	21	Oldham	2	0	4	Rochdale
1925	Oldham	2	4	16	Hull K.R.	0	1	3	Leeds
1926	Swinton	3	1	9	Oldham	0	1	3	Rochdale
1927	Oldham	4	6	26	Swinton	2	1	7	Wigan
1928	Swinton	1	1	5	Warrington	0	1	3	Wembley
1929	Wigan	2	3	13	Dewsbury	1	0	2	Wembley
1930	Widnes	2	2	10	St. Helens	0	1	3	Wembley
1931	Halifax	5	4	22	York	1	2	8	Wembley
1932	Leeds	4	1	11	Swinton	4	0	8	Wigan
1933	Huddersfield	6	3	21	Warrington	4	3	17	Wembley
1934	Hunslet	1	3	11	Widnes	1	1	5	Wembley
1935	Castleford	1	3	11	Huddersfield	1	2	8	Wembley
1936	Leeds	3	4	18	Warrington	1	0	2	Wembley
1937	Widnes	3	4	18	Keighley	1	1	5	Wembley
1938	Salford	2	1	7	Barrow	2	0	4	Wembley
1939	Halifax	4	4	20	Salford	0	1	3	Bradford
1941	*Leeds	2	5	19	Halifax	1	0	2	Bradford
1942	*Leeds	3	3	15	Halifax	5	0	10	Bradford
1943	*Dewsbury	2	4	16	Leeds	3	1	9	(Dewsb. won on
	Dewsbury	0	0	0	Leeds	3	0	6	agg. 16-15)
1944	*Bradford N.	0	0	0	Wigan	0	1	3	(Brad. won on
	Bradford N.	1	2	8	Wigan	0	0	0	agg. 8-3)
1945	*Huddersfield	2	1	7	Bradford N.	2	0	4	(Hudd. won on
	Huddersfield	0	2	6	Bradford N.	1	1	5	agg. 13-9)
1946	Wakefield T.	2	3	13	Wigan	0	4	12	Wembley
1947	Bradford N.	1	2	8	Leeds	2	0	4	Wembley
1948	Wigan	1	2	8	Bradford N.	0	1	3	Wembley
1949	Bradford N.	3	2	12	Halifax	0	0	0	Wembley
1950	Warrington	5	3	19	Widnes	0	0	0	Wembley
1951	Wigan	2	2	10	Barrow	0	0	0	Wembley
1952	Workington T.	3	4	18	Featherstone R.	2	2	10	Wembley
1953	Huddersfield	3	3	15	St. Helens	2	2	10	Wembley
1954	†Warrington	1	2	8	Halifax	0	0	4	Bradford
1955	Barrow	3	6	21	Workington	3	2	12	Wembley
1956	St. Helens	2	3	13	Halifax	2	0	2	Wembley
1957	Leeds	0	3	9	Barrow	2	1	7	Wembley
1958	Wigan	2	3	13	Workington	3	1	9	Wembley
1959	Wigan	6	6	30	Hull	5	1	13	Wembley
1960	Wakefield T.	7	8	38	Hull	1	1	5	Wembley
1961	St. Helens	3	2	12	Wigan	3	0	6	Wembley
1962	Wakefield T.	3	2	12	Huddersfield	0	2	6	Wembley
1963	Wakefield T.	5	5	25	Wigan	2	2	10	Wembley
1964	Widnes	2	3	13	Hull K.R.	1	1	5	Wembley
1965	Wigan	4	4	20	Hunslet	5	2	16	Wembley

*War-time competition in which not all the clubs took part

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1949	ERNEST WARD	Bradford Northern
1950	GERRY HELME	Warrington
1951	CECIL MOUNTFORD	Wigan
1952	BILLY IVISON	Workington Town
1953	PETER RAMSDEN	Huddersfield
1954	GERRY HELME	Warrington
1955	JACK GRUNDY	Barrow
1956	ALAN PRESCOTT	St. Helens
1957	JEFF STEVENSON	Leeds
1958	REES THOMAS	Wigan
1959	BRIAN McTIGUE	Wigan
1960	TOMMY HARRIS	Hull
1961	DICK HUDDART	St. Helens
1962	NEIL FOX	Wakefield Trinity
1963	HAROLD POYNTON	Wakefield Trinity
1964	FRANK COLLIER	Widnes
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(Half-time : Wigan 12, Hunslet 9)

Scorers : WIGAN—Goals : Gilfedder (3), Ashton ; Tries : Lake (2),
Holden, Gilfedder.

HUNSLET—Goals : Langton (5) ; Tries : Shelton, Griffiths.

Teams : WIGAN—Ashby ; Boston, Ashton (capt.), Holden, Lake ;
Hill, Parr ; Gardiner, Clarke, McTigue, Stephens, Evans,
Gilfedder.

HUNSLET—Langton ; Griffiths, Shelton, Preece, Lee ; March-
ant, Gabbitas ; Eyre, Prior, Hartley, Gunney, Ramsey, Ward
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Touch Judges : A Bagnall (Rochdale), R. Oliver (Wakefield)

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(Half-time : Halifax 5 pts., St. Helens 4 pts.)

Scorers : **HALIFAX**—Tries: Burnett (2), Jackson; Goals: James (3).
ST. HELENS—Try : Killeen ; Goals : Killeen (2).

Teams : **HALIFAX**—James ; Jackson, Burnett, Kellett, Freeman ; Robinson, Daley ; Roberts, Harrison, Scroby, Fogerty, Dixon, Renilson.

ST. HELENS—Barrow ; Harvey, Vollenhoven, Northey, Killeen ; Murphy, Smith ; Tembey, Dagnall, Watson, French, Mantle, Laughton. (Substitute : Warlow for Tembey after 28 mins.).

Referee : D. S. Brown (Dewsbury)

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Lancashire Cup Final

At Wigan on October 24th, 1964

ST. HELENS (2 T., 3 G.) **12 Pts.** v. **SWINTON** (2 G.) **4 Pts.**
(Half-time : St. Helens 5 pts., Swinton 0 pts.)

Scorers : **ST. HELENS**—Tries : Benyon, Hicks ; Goals : Killeen (3).
SWINTON—Goals : Gowers (2).

Teams : **ST. HELENS**—Barrow (F) ; Pimblett, Northey, Benyon, Killeen ; Harvey, Murphy ; Tembey, Dagnall, Warlow, French, Hicks, Laughton.

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		Attendance	Receipts
1929	Wigan v. Dewsbury ...	41,500	£5,614
1930	Widnes v. St. Helens ...	36,544	£3,102
1931	Halifax v. York ...	40,368	£3,908
1933	Huddersfield v. Warrington ...	41,874	£6,465
1934	Hunslet v. Widnes ...	41,280	£4,686
1935	Castleford v. Huddersfield ...	39,000	£6,000
1936	Leeds v. Warrington ...	51,250	£7,070
1937	Widnes v. Keighley ...	47,699	£6,704
1938	Salford v. Barrow ...	51,243	£7,174
1939	Halifax v. Salford ...	55,453	£7,681
1946	Wakefield T. v. Wigan ...	54,730	£11,993
1947	Bradford N. v. Leeds ...	77,605	£17,483
1948	Wigan v. Bradford N. ...	92,500	£21,160
1949	Bradford N. v. Halifax ...	95,000	£22,000
1950	Warrington v. Widnes ...	95,000	£24,723
1951	Wigan v. Barrow ...	95,000	£24,728
1952	Workington T. v. Featherstone R. ...	73,000	£23,000
1953	Huddersfield v. St. Helens ...	90,000	£31,000
1954	Warrington v. Halifax ...	83,000	£30,000
1955	Barrow v. Workington T. ...	67,000	£27,500
1956	St. Helens v. Halifax ...	80,000	£29,500
1957	Leeds v. Barrow ...	77,000	£32,545
1958	Wigan v. Workington T. ...	66,000	£31,030
1959	Wigan v. Hull ...	80,000	£33,000
1960	Wakefield T. v. Hull ...	80,000	£33,000
1961	St. Helens v. Wigan ...	95,000	£35,353
1962	Wakefield T. v. Huddersfield ...	85,000	£33,350
1963	Wakefield T. v. Wigan ...	85,000	£45,000
1964	Widnes v. Hull K.R. ...	85,000	£44,500
1965	Wigan v. Hunslet ...	92,000	£50,000

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